



5th December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Autumn Term Week 13 Headteacher Update

This week our mock examinations continue for our Year 11 children. As I said last week all of our Year 11s have been made aware that in the highly unlikely event that examinations do not go ahead in the summer of 2023 then these mock examinations could be a factor the exam boards use to determine their final grade. Please continue to keep our Year 11 children in your thoughts and prayers

For advanced notice our Year 9 Parents' Evening takes place **virtually** on Thursday 12th January from 4pm to 7pm. Dr Guscott will be writing to all parents/carers with children in Year 9 this week to outline the plans for this virtual event. Our full Options Evening takes place on Thursday 16th February **in school** and full information on pathways, timings and logistics will be sent by Dr Guscott nearer the time.

On Saturday twelve members of staff, including myself, are running the Tatton 10k. We are doing this to fundraise for Mary's Meals, our chosen school charity for this academic year. It costs £15.90 to feed a child for a year so it would be wonderful if we could reach our target of feeding 12 children, 1 for each staff member running. Some staff are seasoned runners, for some it will be their first 10k so any support will help to keep everyone going. If you are able to sponsor us, please follow the link below, we would love to raise as much as possible to add to the children's fundraising total <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stjames2022>

As part of our commitment to our value of Faith we are supporting the Stockport and Chelwood Foodbanks during Advent and for those who are able to, we would ask for any contributions listed below. Chelwood Foodbank is a charity that is an emergency service, providing pre-packed food parcels, to support those in financial crisis and food poverty. Stockport Foodbank has 8 centres across Stockport and is looking to help all those going through tough times by giving emergency food parcels which contain enough food for 3 days. They welcome everyone and look to help with a friendly welcome, something to eat and drink as well as signposting to any other agencies whom they think will be of help. The charities are looking for the following items:

- Tinned vegetables (peas and carrots)
- Tinned fruit
- Soap
- UHT milk
- Long life fruit juice
- Biscuits
- Tinned tomatoes
- Christmas treats
- Size 6 nappies
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned meat
- Shower gel
- Sanitary items
- Baby wipes
- Hair conditioner
- Black bin liners
- Disposable razors
- Disinfectant sprays
- Kitchen roll
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Washing powder
- Sugar
- Tin foil

Children can bring in any donations to their Form Tutor up until 16th December and we will deliver them to the Stockport Foodbank and Chelwood Foodbank. Many thanks in advance for anything you are able to contribute. We appreciate that many families are facing challenging circumstances and there is no obligation for anyone



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to contribute. Equally should your family require support, please do contact your child's Head of Year who will be able to signpost you.

Have a fantastic week and if you need us, you know where we are headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher